## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 455

## By Haile

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Ralph Barksdale on his selection as the 2022–2023 Rucker-Stewart Middle School Support Employee of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those outstanding professionals who have devoted their careers to ensuring that the youth of Tennessee have optimal environments in which to learn, grow, and thrive; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Barksdale is one such individual, who contributes greatly to the wellbeing of the students at Rucker-Stewart Middle School, where he serves as a custodian; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barksdale was recently named the 2022–2023 Rucker-Stewart Middle School Support Employee of the Year, a most befitting honor that recognizes the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, an employee with twenty-four years of experience, Ralph Barksdale is a consummate professional and an inspiration to his colleagues; his friendship is highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barksdale has exhibited the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the respect and admiration of the students, faculty, and staff at Rucker-Stewart Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Barksdale epitomizes the dedicated professional who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF

REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Ralph Barksdale on

being chosen as the 2022–2023 Rucker-Stewart Middle School Support Employee of the Year, commend his exceptional service to the youth of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.

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